

March

Magic Lantern Society
of the United States and Canada



LOOK for those Buttons and roll-over effects

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The Magic Lantern Calendar – March 2022

Events

March 10, 2022 through October 2023, *Gary Fabian Miller: The Light Gatherers*, lecture series at the Bodleian Libraries, will include influences of Magic Lantern projectionists. Information at <https://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/event/garry-fabian-miller-the-light-gatherers>

March 19, 2022, *Through a Glass Darkly – A Grand Gothic Magic Lantern Show*, presentation by Jeremy and Carolyn Brooker, Guys Hospital Chapel, St. Thomas Street, London, England SE19GU

CANCELLED April 29 – May 1, 2022, ~~*11th International Magic Lantern Convention*~~, Magic Lantern Society, Birmingham and Midland Institute, Birmingham, England.

May 5 –7, 2022, *The Magic Lantern in Leisure, Entertainment and Popular Culture*, B-Magic Final Conference, Antwerp Belgium. Pre-conference Event at CINEMATEK Brussels, May 4, 2022. See <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/projects/b-magic/final-conference/>.

May 12, 2022, *Isabella Bird – Britain’s Fearless Adventurer and Her Magic Lantern*, lecture and slide presentation at the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, 16-18 Queen Square, Bath, England BA12HN. <https://www.brlsi.org/whatson/isabellabird/>

June 24-26, 2022, *IDMAA Media Art Exhibition 2022: Weird Media*, Winona State University, Winona Minnesota, submission deadline February 1, 2022, <http://idmaa.org/conferences/idmaa-2022-weird-media/exhibition-2022-weird-media/>.

October 2022, *Magic Lantern Convention*, Magic Lantern Society of the US and Canada, Cleveland OH. Exact dates will be announced shortly, so as Paul Harvey used to say: “Stand by for news!”.

Exhibits

Ongoing, *The Path to Cinema: Highlights from the Richard Balzer Collection*, Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, Los Angeles CA USA. 9,000 magic lantern objects collected by former MLS president Richard Balzer.

Through April 2022, *Packaged Black*, “Rotating Lantern”, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, WA.

Through May 1, 2022, *Show & Business in Pest-Buda*, exhibit showcases the classic age of entertainment, including magic lanterns. Kiscelli Museum, 1037 Budapest, Kiscelli utca 108.

Through July 10, 2022, *City of Cinema: Paris 1850-1907*, brings together various media including magic lanterns that culminated in cinema as a mass media. Resnick Pavilion, Los Angeles County Museum of art, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA.

Through December 2026, *The Story of the Moving Image*, Australian Center for the Moving Image, Melbourne Australia. From magic lanterns to the latest in interactive technology.

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Online

Life Through the Lens, online exhibit by the Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery, <https://artsandculture.google.com/story/life-through-the-lens/eAJSnVyn4BS2Jw>

Starry nights: astronomy in the popular imagination, online exhibit through the Science Museum Group collection explores the ways astronomical discoveries and spectacles have thrilled and inspired us. <https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/starry-nights-astronomy-in-the-popular-imagination/jgIi46ysvZNWJw>

In focus: the development of photography, film, and television, online exhibit from the Deutsches Museum from the magic lantern to cell-phone photos. <https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/in-focus-the-development-of-photography-film-and-television/LQKiqVxr8yRwJA>

Photo-Drama of Creation Museum, 3D Virtual Museum & Theater, live performances for groups through an innovative videoconferencing system, <https://pdocmuseum.org>

Magic Lantern Performing Group, Improve your skills every other Thursday on Zoom. Contact Terry Borton: tborton@magiclanternshows.com

De Luikerwaal Dutch Virtual Museum, <https://www.luikerwaal.com/>. *Magic lantern history, pictures, stories*

Lucerna – the Magic Lantern Web Resource, online database collaboration covering all aspects of magic lanterns. <http://lucerna.exeter.ac.uk/>

The Museum of American Magic Lantern Shows, 5-minute intro, 10-minute Highlights Tour, 30-minute In-Depth Tour and Kids' Page. <https://www.magiclanternmuseum.com>

To add your magic lantern show, exhibition, or other event to our calendar, or to list your show for potential bookings, drop a line to briandrogers@gmail.com.



To Last Months E-pub Article

Inherited Slide

From Carol Sloan
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Thank you for your expertise and information you have been able to send me. I don't think I answered when you asked about selling to someone who might be collecting that series. I would be interested in selling my slide; It has been in a cabinet since my parents passing and would rather it be with a collection.

Thank you for adding my inquiry to the February publication.

Carol Sloan

From Bob Gregory
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David - regarding the February e-pub, on page 10 there is a good chance that the handwritten title says, "Troops Washington," meaning Troops in Washington, DC. And the man addressing the troops looks suspiciously like Abraham Lincoln with his black hair and beard.

Bob



Partial Sets

From David Evans
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I have a load of part-sets and wonder if anyone needs anything to complete their own sets?

Slide Part-sets:

Puss in Boots — 8 of 12, missing 3, 8, 9, 11.

Acqui & Leghorn (York & Son) — Missing a lot — do you have any of them?

Cinderella — have 1 — 6. Missing 7 to 12.

Brown and Mouse — have 1 — 7. Missing 8.

House that Jack Built — have 11 of 12 — missing 10.

Belle Belton & Bicycle — have 6 of 12. Missing 1-4, 7 & 8.

Village Blacksmith — have 6 of 12. Missing 1, 7 — 11.

Pickwick Papers — have 9 of 12. Missing 1, 7, 11.

Red Riding Hood — have 10 of 12. Missing 10, 11.

Our Firemen — have 10 of 12. Missing 9, 12.

Robinson Crusoe — have 10 of 12. Missing ?

Peter Pan — have 21 of 24. Missing 8, 11, 16. Primus.

Nursery Rhymes — Have 5 of 8. Missing 2, 3, 6.

Our Lifeboat Men — have 6 of 8. Missing 2, 5.

The sets of 12 are probably Theobald Superior, sets of 8 generally Primus.

Does anyone need any of these to complete their part-sets? Or if you have part sets with our missing ones? Either way, let me know — hope between us we can complete a few sets.

Contact David Evans, secretary-treasurer@
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From Member

From Germain Lacasse
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Hi David

I am still very glad of my Metamorphoser, I did take off the rust and clean everything and put a new illuminant.

About the illuminant, it is not done yet but I plan to only join the old socket to a new wire and then put in a 40 or 60 watts led lamp. This lamp comes with an adaptor socket that fits perfectly in the old one. I found it at my usual hardware merchant. It is made in China by "Globe" and supposed to provide a brightness of 300 lumens with a very low energy cost. www.globe-electric.com

All I miss now to make a good show of my own are more slides showing Quebec history and geography and some comic slides. I already have some but need more.

About the slides that I would buy : slides made anywhere but showing province of Quebec items. I would like to find series, but am also interested by singles if they have "character". If you can put a little word about this request in the next bulletin it would help.

Regards, Germain

From David Evans

Hi Germain

Re newsletters - you should have received them. Off hand I'm not sure if you have paid 2022 dues or not, but that won't be the reason. We don't delete people who have not paid until April at least!

Glad you like the lantern! Yes, a good idea to clean it up somewhat. What sort of illuminant did you use? Maybe we could put a quick description of it in the e-pub at some point.

Will add your request for local slides to the next e-pub.

Regards, David



Fantastic Spring Auctions 26 March + 14 May 2022

- Mechanical Music
- Photographica & Film
- Science & Technology
- Office Antiques
- Carousel & Fairground Attractions
- Steam Engine Icons
- Fine Toys & Automata

http://www.breker.com/english/catalogue_order.pdf



In Search of a Lantern Slide Projector

From Diane Mueller-Klingspor
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Hello,

I am based in Gibsons BC Canada and have a small collection of 800+ American Colony Photograph lantern slides (inherited from my father, Gunter Mueller). I do not have a projector and I am wondering if anyone in your organization might have one they are willing to part with?

I would also very much like to connect with other collectors, specifically those interested in the American Colony Photographs.

Thanks in advance for your help! Looking forward to connecting with you soon!

Kind Regards,

Diane Mueller
@pythondj

Hello Diane

Thank you for contacting us. Yes, it is quite likely that a member may have a suitable lantern for you. We can add your request to our next e-publication (March). There may also be others interested in American Colony slides.

Regards

David Evans

COMING SOON

**41st Annual PSPCS Sale,
Swap & Show
is scheduled for
April 9, 2022
at Kent Commons WA**



Again we will have a display table in this years show, promoting the Magic Lantern Society of the US and Canada.

Looking for volunteers to man the table that Saturday. Contact Larry Cederblom if you can help.

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Unprecedented Winter Sale

From David & Yola Coffeen
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Hello,

To bring some mid-winter cheer, and to celebrate the rare calendrical opportunity of enjoying the date of 22/2/22, or 2/22/22 if you prefer, or even as I prefer 22022022, we offer, for the next 22 days only, an unprecedented discount of 22% on our website listings. This includes our entire booklist: <http://www.etesseract.com/Books.pdf>, and our entire website inventory: <http://www.etesseract.com/Inventory/Inventoryset.html>

It is our first such site-wide sale, and we hope you may find something of interest.

All listed items are available at this writing, but are of course single examples. So hurry...

David & Yola Coffeen, Ph.D.s

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Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library Digitized Lantern Slide Collection

From Ron Easterday



Collection is well organized and easily searchable.

The Library's first collection of lantern slides was added in 1904 during a lecture series. Over the years, the Library has collected more than 62,000

slides, many of which are taken from the Better Housing League. Founded in 1916, the Better Housing League embodied the activism and political reform of the Progressive Era in Cincinnati. The slides depict the photographic documentation of the League's extensive housing surveys and provide an intimate view of the everyday lives, homes, and communities of some of Cincinnati's most vulnerable citizens. Cincinnati had a number of significant lantern slide manufacturers, whose work is also represented in the collection. These include: Uranus Hord, L. M. Prince, L. B. Folger and the Huber Art Company.

About this collection

Lantern slides from the Library's collection, primarily featuring Cincinnati, including downtown scenes, schools, churches and synagogues, as well as the Ohio River, bridges, steamboats, and railroad stations. Many of the photographs were taken by Elmer Foote, the Library's staff photographer from 1907 to 1919. This collection is primarily housed in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room.

<https://digital.cincinnati.library.org/digital/>

Vintage Lantern Projector

From Paul

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Good afternoon,

I am possession of a vintage Bausch & Lomb Glass Slide Projector/Magic Lantern? The placard on the side by the bulb housing has a number of 125463. It has a placard on the pedestal noting J.C. Reiss Opticians in Newark N.J.

This is in good working order and has few flaws I can notice. The bellow is fully intact. The wood housing for the glass slides has one small piece that has cracked but could be repaired easily I am sure.

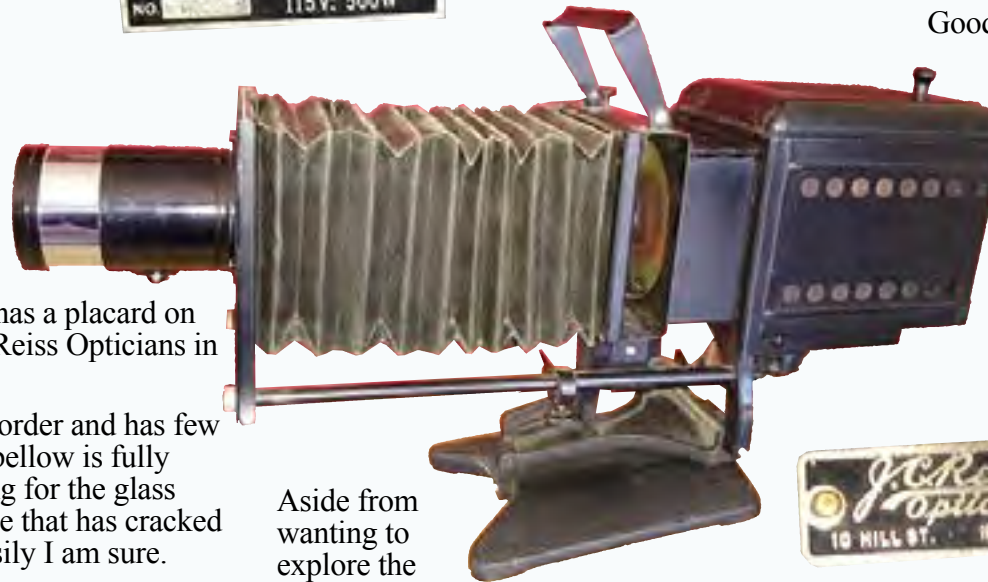
I want to learn more about the item in my possession and the art form with Magic Lanterns as I am re-entering amateur photography after many years away.

If there is someone that would be willing to talk with me I would be ever so grateful for the opportunity.

Paul

Hi David,

Thanks for the response. I am in San Diego, CA.



Aside from wanting to explore the media further, I also am trying to determine if this has much value for insurance purposes. I have collected many items over the years and need to make some value assessments. If you have any thought on that too, appreciated.

I am attaching a couple photos – limited on the number I can send by my service provider so hopefully these will do. If not, I can send others just let me know.

Cheers,

Paul

From David Evans

Good day Paul

They made good lanterns with fine optics. If you are intending using it for shows you should replace its illuminant with LED, as the original will bake the slides in a few minutes. It didn't matter back when it was made as slides were easily replaced. Today of course it is a different matter.

If you care to send me a picture or two of it I may be able to tell you a little more about it. Does it have a model number on it?

I'm not sure quite what you mean by the art form of magic lanterns, but we may have members who could help. We can add your comments to our next e-Publication (March), so if you could explain in a little more detail what you have in mind there may well be someone who can help. Where are you located?

Thank you for contacting us.

David Evans



New Stereoscopic Photography Fellowship and Collection

From Tom Rall
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Some friends of mine arranged this:

<https://newsroom.loc.gov/news/library-to-create-new-stereoscopic-photography-fellowship-and-collection-with-national-stereoscopic-/s/70f50c07-b655-4b95-9edd-39e01d170b88?fbclid=IwAR35MhguKixz4zCS7JFTJ822qnFdr9x9EoUZDuFHdIncK1JuFUjQCwvXzfY>

Perhaps we could do something similar! I hope to house my collection there. Will let you know if I make any progress.

Tom



Library to Create New Stereoscopic Photography Fellowship and Collection with National Stereoscopic Association

The Library of Congress will create a new National Stereoscopic Photography Research Collection, fellowship and public program in collaboration with the National Stereoscopic Association to support one of the nation's largest collections of this photography format, the two organizations announced today.

Stereographs are paired photographs that provide an illusion of three-dimensionality when placed in a special viewer called a stereoscope. They were among the first photographic entertainment formats that became popular from the Civil War to the early decades of the 20th century when new technologies like motion pictures captured the

public's attention. Recent technical innovations like virtual reality have brought renewed focus to both the history and continued use of the stereo format.

The Library's Prints and Photographs Division holds one of the foremost collections of stereographs, dating from early daguerreotypes in the 1850s to published sets from the 1930s. More than 40,000 have been digitized and are available online at <https://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/stereo/>.

Questions on Wooden Slides

From Michael Cherrier

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Good Afternoon,

My brother passed away and I am assigned to his estate for his 2 preteen girls. I found the attached (please see photos) of older wooden slides one being for (I believe and older Magic Lantern Projector). The one with the circular glass image is in a dark oak casing. This same image is in the Library of Congress. It has a label on the piece stating it is the Surrender of Cornwallis in 1781. The second one is I believe is newer and is titled Conflict on Concord Bridge. Anyway could you tell me if these are worth anything. I would like to get a fair value for my Nieces. Thank you very much for any help you can give me.
Michael Cherrier

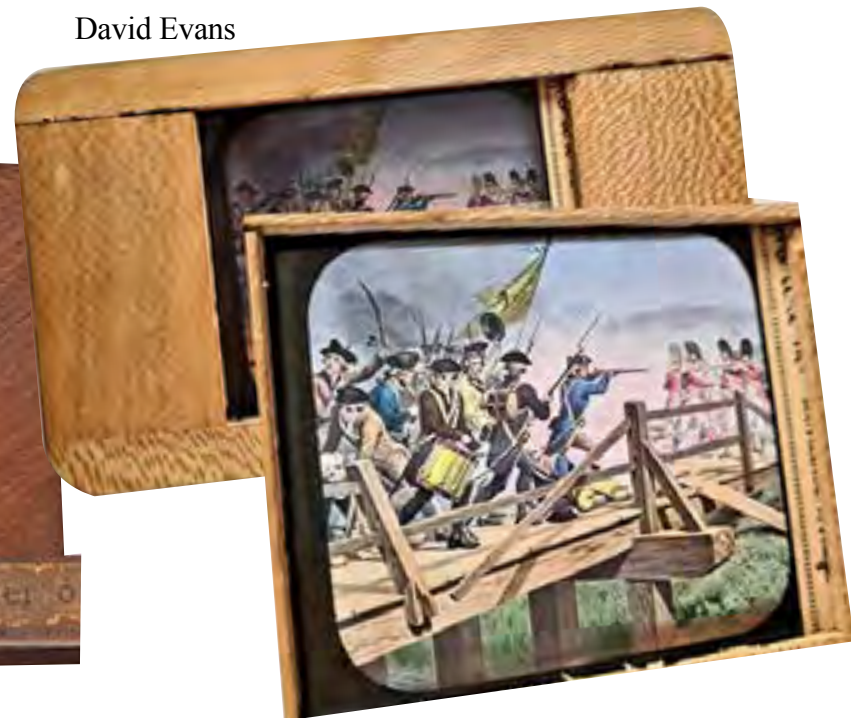
From David Evans

Dear Michael

Thank you for contacting us. The two slides are parts of large sets, one entitled American History, as seen on the picture of its edge that you kindly provided. They probably date from around the 1870s though such sets were available for a long time with no particular changes. As single slides they would not have a great deal of monetary value. I imagine the Library of Congress probably has the complete set. We can add them to our next e-Publication (March) in the hope that one of our members might need those images to complete a set.

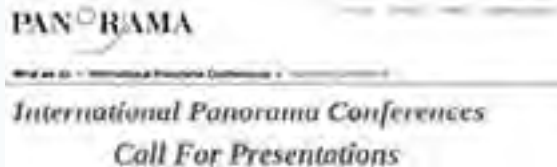
Regards

David Evans



CFP 31st International Panorama Council Conference

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**31st International Panorama
Council Conference
September 13 – 17, 2022,
Luxembourg, Grand Duchy
of Luxembourg
Hosted by the Lëtzebuerg
City Museum**

https://panoramacouncil.org/en/what_we_do/international_panorama_conferences/upcoming_conference/

Magic Lantern in Europe

From Stephen Bottomore
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Dear MLSs,

I just wanted to draw your attention to a current exhibition in the Whipple Library, U. of Cambridge (England). The Whipple is the university's history of science library:

‘The Magic Lantern in Europe: From the Camera Obscura to the Earliest Form of Cinema’ until late March 2022, Monday–Friday, 9.15am–7pm in term time.

There is also a webpage: <https://sway.office.com/Ob4JzsRKKOBUL17r?ref=Link&loc=play>

Could this be put in newsletters etc?

All best wishes,
Stephen



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From Helmut Waelde
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Dear David,

thank you so much for sending me the e-pub. For the ‘information request’ on page 11 please look at the following link:

<http://microscopist.net/>

and click on “The Micrograph” in the alphabetical name-list (Microscopes and Slide Makers) on the left side. The Micrograph/Stereograph in the e-pub seems to have a base replacement.

Best wishes

Helmut

A Big Thank You to the following:

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Bob Gregory
Germain Lacasse
Diane Mueller-Klingspor
Tom Rall
Brian Rogers
Sean Sharp
Carol Sloan
Helmut Waelde

**Now it's
your turn to
share!**

Do you have a favorite site or a collection of images you would like to share with the rest of the society?

E-mail Larry

Members might be interested to know that the new Julian Fellows TV series 'The Gilded Age' features a magic lantern show about half way

through Episode 3. The young couple visit a theatre and see a show that basically is a phantasmagoria lantern on a tall stand with wheels. It shows, amongst other images, a slipping slide of a steam locomotive viewed



the audience. In real life I have never heard of this happening until Lumiere Brothers did it!

Regards

David

Welcome New Member

John D Rausch

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Retired high school social studies teacher.

Interested in educational, American history and local PA slides and literature on use of slides in classes.

Pollock's Toy Museum Trust

From Sean Sharp

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David,

The Pollock's Toy Museum Trust had five on-line seminars last year. They are now available on Vimeo.

I recommend the Alan Powers "It was fifty years ago today 31.03.2021" lecture it gives a good history of English toy theatres, as seen by the Pollock company. The other lecture that is good is David Powell's "A Penny Plain and Twopence Coloured: Robert Louis Stevenson and the Toy Theatre," <https://vimeo.com/547720657> in it, Powell, talks about the famous Robert Louis Stevenson essay on toy theatres. Enjoy!

<https://vimeo.com/user137722328>

Sean



David Powell - A Penny Plain and Twopence Coloured: Robert Louis Stevenson and the Toy Theatre